

District and County Councillor's Report – June 2026

Kingsway Solar

The Kingsway Solar application has now been submitted to PINS, the government's planning department. This starts the process of the application being looked at and decided upon. The current stage is the government need to decide whether to accept the application, or not. It's likely it will be accepted, which then starts the process of examination. An element of this examination will require people to give their comments and views on the proposal again. We'd encourage as many people as possible to engage with this, when the time is upon us. You can register to comment on the application once the application has been accepted by PINS.

Food Waste Collection

You may recall from previous reports that due to a change in the law by DEFRA (the government department for environment & food), all local authorities will have to collect food waste separately from other green waste, starting this year. This means we will all get a new separate food caddy in the coming months that all food waste must be disposed into. This will then be collected every week alongside the usual bin. For most of us this is on Wednesday.

We are expecting the new caddies to reach us by September-time, as the rollout is across the Greater Cambridge area, with our area one of the last to receive them.

Zero Carbon Communities Grant

The popular Zero Carbon Communities Grant from the District Council is now reopen and taking bids. Community groups and parish councils can apply from up to £19,000 for schemes that help reduce carbon emissions or more sustainable living. Full information can be found on the website - <https://www.scamb.gov.uk/climate-and-environment/zero-carbon-communities/zero-carbon-communities-grant>

Local Government Reorganisation

We are waiting for the next step of the process in the government move to try and streamline local authorities by merging all District and County councils in the country into Unitary Authorities. All local authorities in Cambridgeshire submitted their preferences earlier this year and we expect to hear back from government what their preference will be. Once we have this information we will be able to comment on this and, ultimately, prepare for life with one fewer council in our area.

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